

San Diego DX Club Bulletin



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The San Diego DX Club (SDDXC) is among the best known and most highly respected DX clubs in the United States. Since it’s founding in 1946, SDDXC members have been on both sides of the pile-ups with DXpeditions and a fair share have achieved “Top of the Honor Roll” status. If you’re interested in chasing DX, contesting, exchanging stories or just rubbing elbows with fellow “Big Guns” or “Little Pistols”, you’ll feel right at home at one of our club meetings. Join us at our next meeting. Visitors are particularly welcome!

For real time DX spotting and lively conversation on a variety of subjects, join us on 144.415 MHz.

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

Extended Roundtable courtesy of excellent band conditions

NOVEMBER MEETING NOTICE:

JOIN US AT THE SIZZLER, 3755 Murphy Canyon Road,
San Diego, CA 92123 (858) 278-6988

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2014

SOCIAL HOUR, 5:00 P.M.

DINNER, 5:30 P.M.

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A Word from the Prez . . .

Wild Bill, WB6BFG



Greetings DXers,

I hope this finds everyone in good spirits and that you that you have a grand Thanksgiving planned. Filled with family, friends and good DX! The bands seem to be hanging in there with some good DX to be found. <http://www.arrl.org/wlaw-bulletins-archive/ARLD047/2014> Prasad, VU2PTT, sent out a note that he is QRV as VU4KV till midway through CQWW CW.

The San Diego DX Club will re-acquire our former newsletter editor, Bob Farkaly, K9RHY. Many thanks to Bob for stepping up to the plate to do this once again for us. A huge round of thanks goes to Ron Stockton, N0RR, for his many years of providing us with great newsletters!

In from our V.P., John Vissat: We still need a location for our December Holiday party so if you have even the slightest inkling of loaning SDDXC your digs for a few hours please contact me. The party should be a no hassle event to the host(s) because all of the food, beverage will be provided by the club.

There are only a certain number of club members with homes large enough to host a holiday party. I know that you have all done it more than once, but it sure would be nice to have you host it again if you haven't for a long time. There have been years where the club did not have a holiday party and it would be sad not to have one this year. **Please help John (and the club) find a place!**

This month's meeting will feature an extended roundtable giving thanks to the radio waves. Please join us for an evening of fun, food and camaraderie!

The 66th annual IDXC 2015 will be here before we know it. DXers from around the world will gather once again to meet their fellow DXers, attend interesting and informative programs, see the latest in new products from the top vendors – and have a chance to win some great raffle prizes! Check out the flyer below.

Jim Johnson, W6SC has posted some vintage photos from the DXConvention when it was in Fresno. See any familiar faces? <https://www.flickr.com/photos/127847742@N04/>

There are some FB scores posted for the 2014 CQ WW SSB DX <http://www.3830scores.com/currecscores.php?arg=JTccqlztfmyg4> Congratulations to W6YI and other club members for their fine scores in ARRL Sweepstakes (Phone and CW). I hope that those who are going to play in CQWW CW have a great time and that the conditions hold up!

If you find yourself with entirely too much time of your hands, here's this month's YouTube link. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TiVlvcIPZx4>

73 & 88's to the pretty ones! Wild Bill, WB6BFG

Vice President Report

John, NA6L

Direct from the V.P. and program director – John NA6L

Come one come all we are holding a special “get out of the house” meeting at the Sizzler Wednesday November 26th (like we did last year). Use your HAM club meeting as an excuse to escape the Thanksgiving Day preparations and/or visiting family madness. Say goodbye to your in-laws or out-laws for a few hours and join your radio buddies for some enhanced story telling during our extended roundtable program.

Last year we had a nice turnout of holiday escapees and a roundtable discussion of our exploits during the year and what we were thankful for, radio related and non radio related stories were in abundance!

One other note from the V.P. We still need a location for our December Holiday party so if you have even the slightest inkling of loaning SDDXC your digs for a few hours please contact me.

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See you Wednesday at the Sizzler.

Regards, and good DX,

John, NA6L dotravel@aol.com

2015 dues become payable December 31st. Please consider renewing early by bringing your dues check (payable to SDDX Club Inc) to the meeting.

Secretary/Treasurer Reports

Ellen, N6UWW



Secretary's Report

We are looking for someone to host the club's Holiday Party. Check your calendars & follow up with John NA6L to schedule and arrange all the details.

Meeting Minutes

The October 29th meeting was held at Sizzler on Aero Dr.

Guests: Jim - N6DHz, Dan - N6PEQ, Don - KK6IGC, Ron - WB1EAZ.

Old Business: Wayne - NN6R delivered hats to members who ordered. Survey results are in from Ron - N0RR. Tom - N6JOJ asked if we could get a roster.

New Business: Bob Farkaly - K9RHY will re-assume the position of Newsletter Editor from his new QTH in Tennessee. (THANKS, Bob!)

Gayle - K6GO presented Howard - KY6LA with a pie that said "You'll Have To Sue" (in reference to him saying that Poway hams would need to sue the City of Poway in the recent antenna ordinance battle) and made him eat his words. John - K6AM announced the Top 10 Countries confirmed on CW list.

Jim - N6DHz (owner of The DX Store) showed the new Heil headset with HC6.

Ron - N0RR discussed the SDDXC Member Survey (50 responses - 47 serious, 3 discarded because of silly answers). HRO will hold a Customer Appreciation Day w/swapmeet on November 8th.

Roundtable

Program - "Ham Radio Holiday & Honeymoon" by Gayle - K6GO, Mike - NA6MB, Jim - K6ZH and Joan - N6KIM about their trip to the Grand Cayman Islands.

Treasurer's Report

Statement Balance: 10/31/2014 \$6690.34

Ellen, N6UWW

Editor's Ramblings

Many thanks to Jon K7CO, Mike K6MKF, Ed AI6O, Wayne NN6R and Jim W6YA for providing inputs this month.

Another surprising month of excellent band conditions on the backside of Cycle 25 enabled several new band countries on 10m in excess of 12,000 km. With only one more issue to go, I am looking forward to turning the bulletin over to Bob K9RHY so I can DX when SFI = 175 and K = 1 rather than QSYing to the key-board.

Below is a list of JA8BMK's DXpeditions planned for early 2015. Mark these on your calendar:

5R8DX	January 10-25
XW8BM	February 5 - 25
XV7BM	March 1 - 31

I have also heard rumors about major operations from Chesterfield Islands, Eritrea and possible a mega-DXpedition to Heard Island next year in addition to the confirmed trip to Navassa Is. Big pile-ups ahead with plenty of new DXCC entities or band countries for the deserving. You may want to contact Glenn K6NA and get some "DX grease" for your antennas.

Ron, N0RR

CW is not just a mode, it's a lifestyle

The SDDXC Top Ten (Expanded Version)
By John, K6AM

CURRENT COUNTRIES CONFIRMED ON CW

Nov 14	Nov 13	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	5.	N6CW		339	366	366	+3
2.	3.	K6AM		339	348	348	+1
3.	1.	W6YA		338	378	378	-1
4.	2.	K9RHY		338	349	349	-
5.	4.	K6GAK		337	357	357	-
6.	6.	N0RR		336	350	350	-
7.	8.	K6XT		336	348	348	+3
8.	7.	N7CW		336	336	336	-
9.	9.	K6ZH		333	343	343	-
10.	10.	W6YOO		331	337	337	-

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11.	11.	NN6K		331	334	334	-
12.	12.	K0XB		326	335	336	+1
13.	13.	W6YI		320	326	334	+3
14.	14.	WN6K		313	323	333	+5
15.	15.	N6VS		293	296	304	+4
16.	17.	WB6BFG		286	288	296	+18
17.	16.	W6VNR		283	294	294	-
18.	18.	AD6ZJ		274	276	283	+10
19.	19.	N6MUF		2258	263	268	+8
20.	20.	NA6L		248	272	281	New

We've expanded the CW Top 10 to include the top 20 players. At the top of the leader board Terry, N6CW finally found those cards that fell back behind the chest of drawers to jump four places into first place. Down in the second ten there's plenty of action. Wild Bill, WB6BFG checks in with 18 new ones, while AD6ZJ pushes hard to keep up. Since no one in the Club ever worked P5 on CW, the number to hit on CW now stands at 339.

Each month, we will publish a top ten list for one of the lesser-recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, 10/40M and 80/20M. Please send me your totals for each band and mode throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. Use the convenient form at <http://www.sddxc.org> or bring 'em to the meeting.

LIFE IS SIMPLE





How's DX?

This page consists of historical data so members can share information or brag about their accomplishments. For real time info, monitor the club 2m spotting frequency, 144.415 MHz. For future DX info subscribe to the ARRL weekly DX bulletin and/or W3UR's newsletter.

Recent DX Worked by SDDXC Members

Station	Date	Time	Band	By	Station	Date	Time	Band	By
3B9HA	17-Nov	0144	40 CW	W6YA	J28NC	13-Nov	1927	15 CW	W6YA
3B9HA	18-Nov	1411	80 CW	W6YA	S01WS	15-Nov	0050	20 CW	NN6R
3B9HA	20-Nov	1414	80 CW	N0RR	T6T	21-Nov	0024	20 CW	NN6R
4K6FO	22-Nov	1416	80 CW	W6YA	TJ3SN	13-Nov	1938	10 CW	W6YA
5R8IC	9-Nov	0320	12 RTTY	NN6R	TU0PAX	15-Nov	0048	20 CW	NN6R
9N7BM	12-Nov	1404	80 CW	N0RR	VU4CB	11-Nov	0122	10 CW	N0RR
9N7BM	12-Nov	1413	80 CW	W6YA	VU4CB	11-Nov	0151	10 CW	W6YA
9N7BM	16-Nov	0131	10 CW	N0RR	VU4CB	Various	-	Many	NN6R
9N7BM	16-Nov	0138	10 CW	W6YA	VU4KV	21-Nov	0034	40/20/17	NN6R
AP2TN	17-Nov	1441	40 CW	W6YA	VU4KV	21-Nov	1327	80 CW	N0RR
FT4TA	1-Nov	0131	80 CW	N0RR	VU4KV	21-Nov	1407	80 CW	W6YA
FT4TA	3-Nov	1606	10 CW	N0RR	XT2AW	23-Nov	1620	10 CW	N0RR
FT4TA	Various	-	80+many	W6YA	XU7AEZ	21-Nov	1514	30 CW	W6YA
FT4TA	Various	-	Many	NN6R	ZD8O	Various	-	40/15/10	NN6R



Did you work it in October?

TI9A, Cocos Island, is a DXpedition set for February 2015.

Our website is here. <http://dxventure.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=aa2b102f8b798e878844e212f&id=3a1c4a0634&e=b73ecb3230>

This is a request for support from you the individual or your club or organization. Some of your clubs may have applications for such requests but due to the limited time frame I ask that you consider a donation based on the information below. As always if you require further information I am happy to supply.

The boat transportation from Costa Rica to Cocos island is very expensive. Your club or organization donation will help offset this cost and will be greatly appreciated. If you are club is not able to provide support maybe ask the members to consider support individually.

Plan

1. Goal is to provide ATNOs and band and mode fills worldwide
2. QSL: direct, OQRS, Buro
3. LOTW upload with OQRS or direct request, and all QSOs uploaded to LOTW within six months
4. 10-80m , SSB,CW and RTTY
5. Verticals near salt water and wire antennas
6. Radios- negotiation taking place with major suppliers
7. QRV between Feb 18-24
8. Three operators, 3Z9DX, TI2HMJ and K7CO

The forecasted budget is \$25,000 USD

If you need further detail please contact me at k7co@jonutley.com

The process in which it has taken to receive the necessary approvals has been long and difficult, 3Z9DX has put in a lot of time to secure these approvals.

If you are able to donate, please use the link donation link on our website. If you would like to donate in the form of a check please contact me for details.

<http://dxventure.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=aa2b102f8b798e878844e212f&id=be30eea525&e=b73ecb3230>

Thanks for your time and consideration

Jon Utley

K7CO

Dear DXer,

I would like to extend a personal invitation to you and Members of your Club to attend the International DX Convention in Visalia, California on April 17-18-19, 2015.

IDXC 2015 will be our 66th annual International DX Convention. DXers from around the world will gather once again to meet their fellow DXers, attend interesting and informative programs, see the latest in new products from the top vendors – and have a chance to win some great raffle prizes!

Full details of IDXC 2015 are at this website: <http://www.dxconvention.com/>

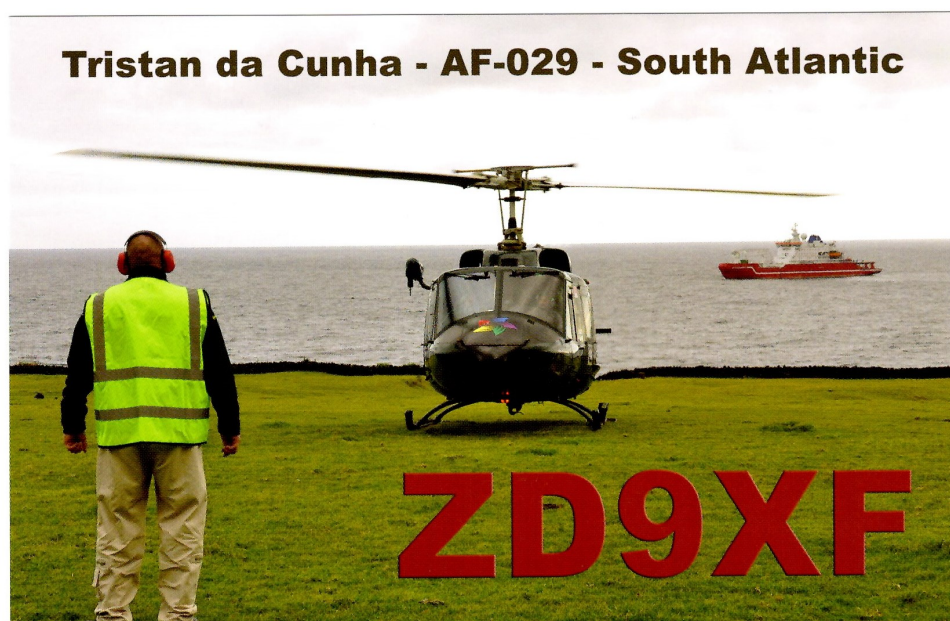
Please print this flyer and post it at your local DXer gathering spot, and in your Club Newsletter:
<http://dxconvention.com/pdf/2015-IDXC-Flyer.pdf>

Please insert this short PPT file in your next Club meeting slide show:
<http://dxconvention.com/pdf/2015-IDXC-PPT.ppt>

I really encourage all our DXing friends to combine their visit to IDXC with a vacation. Visalia is just a few hours from world-class California vacation destinations, described in this Vacation Options brochure:
<http://dxconvention.com/pdf/2015-IDXC-Vacations.pdf>

Thank you, and I hope to see you and many of your Club members at our International DX Convention next April!

- 73 and good DX de Mike, [K6MKF](#), President - [NCDXC](#)



Nothing beats a DXpedition from a rare country by an excellent operator followed by a rapid QSL



November 1, 2014

Dear Amateur Radio & DX Enthusiast,

Next year is the 66th consecutive year for the International DX Convention. The meeting, sponsored by the Northern California DX Club, will be held at the beautiful Visalia Convention Center in downtown Visalia, CA. IDXC, the premier DX Convention in the United States, is attended by over 800 serious DX'ers and contesters looking to improve their skills, their stations and see the latest equipment.

Convention Highlights:

- Full day of training on Friday, April 17, 2015: Contesting and DXing Techniques
- Friday Evening Dinner Options: TopBand, IOTA, and Contesting
- Open DX Forum
- 15-20 DX & Technical Seminars
- 35-40 Exhibitors in large Exhibit Hall
- QSL Card Checking
- Great Raffle Prizes
- Eyeball QSOs w/DX Friends
- Excellent Keynote Speakers
- Access to great California vacation destinations (see description on website)
- Registration Starts: 12-08-2014
- Website: dxconvention.org

We intend to make IDXC 2015 the best DX Convention ever, and hope you'll be able to join us.

Sincerely,

John Miller, K6MM
Kevin Rowett, K6TD
Rich Seifert, KE1B
IDXC 2015 Co-Chairmen



Operating Day – December 13, 2014

Hello All!

It is my privilege to invite each of you and the organizations you represent to be a participant in our 3rd OPERATING DAY at Fry's Electronics store parking lot on Saturday, December 13, 2014.

This is an opportunity to participate in a tremendous exercise and opportunity to put Amateur Radio on the map and in the public eye at Fry's Electronics store located at 9825 Stonecrest Blvd., San Diego, just off Fwy. 15 and Aero Dr. We will be setting up at 7:00 a.m. and run until about 4 p.m. Map <http://www.mapquest.com/#d4d793b7fcebce4f37aafe45>. We will set up in the northeast quadrant of the parking lot. Be sure to get your space cleared with me or my staff, only because we want to conserve space for the store, and because we have larger mobile and trailer rigs that must be parked strategically. Thanks for your cooperation!

“OPERATING DAY” can be our combined effort to demonstrate to the public the communications value, uniqueness and the fun of being a licensed amateur radio operator. As you can see, we hope to have nearly twenty of you our cohorts setting up various modes of ham radio operations and emergency preparedness operations so that (1) the public can see our skills, (2) we can talk should to shoulder with folks, describing our operations, (3) those so interested can become involved in communication demonstrations first hand, and (4) have a lot of fun with eye-ball QSOs with other hams. I am encouraging each group to bring your club mobile units, radios, demos, tri-fold boards, flyers, applications, and information, etc. Wear your club colors! This is a community effort and we want all to succeed. We know that when there are a number of groups operating together, there will be some QRM because of band overlap, proximity, etc. I would encourage each of us to be able to sign up folks that are interested, making the guests and visitors our first priority. It's easy to get involved with our own ham friends, and that's good, but let's give priority to the general public.

Particular thanks to Fry's Electronics store and Mr. Paul Ardolina and his staff for allowing us the use of their facilities for this event, this the third time! Please patronize this fine company. Also thanks to the Palomar club (PARC) whose idea this was originally and invited SDSSARC to work the San Diego Fry's store simultaneously as PARC was working the San Marcos store. Thanks guys! We will stay in touch.

PLEASE EMAIL ME AS TO YOUR ORGANIZATION'S PARTICIPATION. I must stay in touch with Fry's, so I really am counting on you letting me know whether or not you will be participating and what your parking space needs will be. I hope we have 100% participation and representation.

More to come – stay tuned!

73,
Ed Felter, AI6O

ARCEC	ECRA	REACT	SDDXC
ARES	LARK	RED CROSS	SDSSARC
ARRL	MARA	ROARS	SKYWARN
CERO	MEARC	SANDARC	SOBARS
Convair/220	METROPOLITAN	SANDRA	

I'm having a moving sale. For questions or descriptions please call for quick answer. We will be in Fallbrook until mid-February. However, I would like to clear these items ASAP.

73, Ernest (805) 300-2105

This is a short list of the items for sale:

- 1) Hy- Gain HD-54 motorized tower (54')
- 2) Hy-Gain TH-7DXX 7el Yagi
- 3) Hy-Gain 18-HT Hy-Tower (160-10m)
- 4) M2 6M5X 6 meter Yagi
- 5) 440mHz 6-el Yagi
- 6) Antenex 900mHz 12 element Yagi
- 7) Diamond 25-1300mHz D130J antenna (new)
- 8) 440-512mHz verticals (several available)
- 9) Carolina Windom (I used on 40-10m)
- 10) Many 2m and 70cm antennas both mobiles and fix (used and new)
- 11) Several 80-20m dipoles
- 12) Fan type 5 bands single wire feed dipole (80-10m)
- 13) Workman WHF 10 plus several other bands Sticks
- 14) Kantronis KPC 2
- 15) Kantronis KPC 4
- 16) Foot Switch (new)
- 17) Micronta VOM 22-210
- 18) Micronta VOM 22-204C
- 19) Telewave (Bird 43) leather case very good condition
- 20) Six LED video monitors 15, 17 and 20 inches

And for those of you who always wanted a **Shop Smith** woodworking machine with band saw, sander and several more add on plus many other tools for this great machine.

There are more items, just make a reasonable offer and who knows you could be the new owner.